

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-15 have been canceled, without prejudice.

New Claims 16-25 have been added.

Applicant submits that now pending Claims 1-5 and 16-25 are patentable over the art of record.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@davismunck.com*.

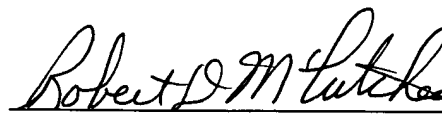
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